

Club News

February 2018



IT'S BIKE SHOW TIME!

Riding weather can't be too far away if we're calling for volunteers for the Bike Show at the CNE taking place from Friday March 2nd through Sunday March 4th! Shifts are as follow:

Friday:	Noon to 4:00 pm	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm	6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday:	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	2:00 pm to 6:00 pm	

This is a great way to promote our club and get into the show for free. Parking costs are also covered by the club. To volunteer for a shift contact [John Bachmann](#).

THIRD TRY-THE-TRACK SESSION A BIG SUCCESS

Attendance at our January Try-the Track session at the Milton velodrome was severely reduced by the miserable weather. Thankfully the snow and wind on February 4th didn't get nasty until most participants were on the road to the track. (I hope the white Mercedes in the ditch outside the velodrome didn't belong to any of our riders!)

Thanks again to Ed Weerdenburg for organizing both sessions this year. Photos from the latest session are [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATIONS (NEW & RENEWALS) OPEN MARCH 1ST

On March 1st you will be able to register from our home page. As has been the case for the past few years, all registrations are now done online through CCN Bikes which allows you to join the OCA at the same time (if you are not already a member through another club).

This year OCA has raised its fee by \$2 to \$42. We are maintaining last year's rates for the BCC portion of your membership. Single 2018 membership will be \$80 (\$38 BCC + \$42 OCA) and family membership will be \$60 BCC for the whole family plus \$42 OCA per family member.

TOUR LEADERS' MEETING

Our VP Touring, Steve Juniper, will be leading a pre-season Tour Leaders' Meeting on Tuesday, March 20th in the Community Room at the Terry Miller Rec Centre, 1295 Williams Parkway in Brampton starting at 7:30 pm. All new and returning tour leaders are requested to attend this meeting as we will be reviewing new Policies and Guidelines the BCC is implementing in 2018 in accordance with the Ontario Cycling Association (OCA).

2018 EVENTS CALENDAR PREVIEW

Steve Juniper, VP Touring

Our 2018 cycling season officially begins on Saturday March 31st with all group rides starting from the Meadowvale GO station. Special event rides in 2018 will include our Eden Mills Lunch Ride from Georgetown on May 12th with a catered lunch break in Eden Mills for all groups. And the BCC Picnic Ride will run on July 14th with food and drinks served at our picnic in Terra Cotta's Forge Park after the ride.

Club Tours in 2018 will include the Finger Lakes Tour from June 22nd to 24th, once again led by Allen McGregor, and our annual Helen Bick Memorial Niagara Ride on August 18th which features the season's best ride lunch break at the Henry of Pelhem Estate Winery. And after its inaugural success in 2017 we will again return to Blue Mountain Village for our 2nd annual Blue Mountains Tour on September 8th and 9th. Reminders and registration instructions for all Club Tours will be posted on the BCC Website during the season.

In an effort to reduce cycling in city and commuter traffic we've added two new start Locations for 2018. Some of our Saturday morning tours are now scheduled to start from the Lisgar GO Station at Tenth Line West & Argentia Road in Mississauga. And our Tuesday and Thursday evening rides will be starting from the Southfields Village Public School located just off Kennedy Rd about a kilometer south of Old School Rd.

WEBSITE NEWS

Steve Maxwell, BCC Webmaster

Our website is now hosted on Canadian soil and is more secure than ever. The move to our new Canadian host is complete and we have better support and tools to keep our website operational for the long term. The forum was rebuilt from the ground up with enhanced security and updated components. Keeping our website safe from hackers and spammers is a constant battle, but with the added monitoring tools we hope to stay on top of the daily threats that we are currently facing.

Although security improvements were the primary focus, there was still time to improve other sections of the website as well. As we get ready to start a new season, you will stumble across some of the new features that will allow you to spend less time on the website and more time on your bike.

BCC RIDE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Steve Maxwell, BCC Webmaster

With the Halton Hills Bike Challenge coming to a halt, the ride achievement program continues without an external partner, but we are thrilled about the possibility of a new venture that is currently in the works (no announcements as yet).

This year, in additions to badges, members can earn monthly medals for distance and elevation. The top 3 finishers for the months of April to October will earn medals for their efforts. We have added a new leader board to feature the top riders in each of our touring groups. The process of claiming rides is now easier than ever; it only requires one person from each group to claim on behalf of all the others in the group.

Looking forward to a great season with less cancelled rides as we collectively try to beat the club challenge of 80,000 KM. Safe riding and see you on the road.

2018 CLOTHING ORDER

John Bachmann, President

The window for pre-ordering club clothing and a few accessory items will be opening very shortly. Check the *News and Announcements* window on the home page and the *Forum* for details.